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SUBJECT: FIGUERES MEETS SOMOZA IN GUANACASTE

REF: MANAGUA 3567

1. IN A PREVIOUSLY UNANNOUNCED MEETING SEPTEMBER 9 AT THE HOTEL PALENQUE DIRIA IN SANTA CRUZ, NEAR SOMOZA'S FARM "EL VIEJO" IN COSTA RICA, PRESIDENT FIGUERES AND GENERAL SOMOZA MET REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS THE LINGERING IRRITATION OVER FISHING RIGHTS IN THE GUANAASTE COASTAL AREA. A PRESS STATEMENT RELEASE AFTER THE MEETING IS THE ONLY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DATE ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE MEETING.

2. THE PRESS RELEASE, PRINTED IN THE MORNING PAPERS SEPTEMBER 10 PREDICTED THAT WITHIN A FEW DAYS, "IT IS LIKELY THAT A SOLUTION WILL BE FOUND TO THE FISHING DISPUTE WHICH HAS CAUSED SOME FISHING BOATS FROM EACH COUNTRY TO BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY." IT WAS REPORTEDLY AGREED AT THE MEETING TO DRAW UP A "LITTLE FISHING TREATY" TO RESOLVE CLEARLY THE RESPECTIVE FISHING ZONES OF EACH COUNTRY.

3. FIGUERES WAS REPORTEDLY ACCOMPANIED BY HIS

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MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE, PUBLIC SECURITY AND ECONOMY,

TOGETHER WITH TWO PUNTARENAS FISHING FLEET OPERATORS.

4. BOTH PRESIDENTS WERE SAID TO HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH THE POSITIVE DIRECTION OF THE TALKS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS.

5. COMMENT: IT IS UNLIKELY THAT FIGUERES ARRANGED THIS MEETING WITH SUCH CARE AS SUGGESTED REFTEL TO DISCUSS ONLY RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT FISHING BOAT PROBLEMS. FIGUERES' RECENT JITTERS OVER ALLEGED CENTRAL AMERICAN INTERLOPERS IN COSTA RICA MAY HAVE BEEN AT THE ROOT OF IT.  
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